

SOME NOVELTY RACING.
KISER AND JOHNSON HEROES OF THE
DAY AT MANHATTAN BEACH.

SPRITED RIDING, IN WHICH BALD WAS BEATEN
IN A SENSATIONAL FINISH-JOHNSON
TOO SPEEDY FOR LOCAL AMA-
TEURS-THE WORCESTER
AMATEUR BREAKS
A RECORD.

Three novelty races were the features of the day's contests at the Manhattan Beach bicycle track yesterday in the programme arranged by the American Cycle Racing Association. The sport was excellent throughout, and it was furnished by most of the fast professional and amateur riders of the country, but the attendance was poor, not over two thousand spectators being present. The cycle parade in Brooklyn took many enthusiasts elsewhere, while the racing at Waverly kept others away.

Earl H. Kiser, the fast rider from Dayton, Ohio, and John S. Johnson of Worcester, Mass., were the heroes of the day. A small gale swept across the lower turn, and the riders, who came suddenly into the teeth of the wind at full speed, felt almost as if they had come into collision with a dead wall. As there was racing in both of the principal races this helped the riders materially. The multicycle race, a handicap between a single, a tandem, two triplex and a quadruplet, proved to be an interesting innovation. John S. Johnson, paced by a triplet, broke the track record for half a mile, doing the distance in 35 seconds flat, a splendid performance, in the face of the wind. The best previous record for this track was 51.25 seconds, held by Charles E. East of the Kings County Wheelmen. The New-York County Wheelmen quadruplet also rode an exhibition mile in 127.15.

Eight of the fastest professional riders in the country started in the one-mile invitation race. Two men raced in each heat, and each heat was single paced. Four preliminary and two semi-finals were run off in good order, leaving Bald and Kiser to contest in the final, and that race will live long in the memory of the spectators. Hedstrom and Henshaw were the pacemakers on a tandem. Kiser caught the pace, and the men started off at a rattling clip. The pacemaker tried to drop out on the last lap, but the two riders showed a determination to go ahead. Kiser went up the bank on the lower turn, and Bald followed him. A little over a half a furlong from the finish Bald made a quick jump from the top of the embankment, and he gained fully two lengths before Kiser saw the trick and started after him. Bald then seemed to have the race won beyond a doubt, but Kiser came down the stretch like a whirlwind and caught up to and passed Bald as if that rider was standing still. Kiser won by two open lengths, in one of the most sensational finishes ever seen on the track. His time in the last half-furlong must have been a record. Bald entered a protest, asserting that Kiser's pedal grazed him as they passed in the home stretch, but the claim was not allowed. Whether the pedal touched him or not, Bald was squarely beaten. There is probably no rider in the world who could have beaten out Kiser in his terrible rush to the tape yesterday.

The amateur invitation race was run in the same way, and John S. Johnson, of Worcester, and E. M. Peabody, of Chicago, were left in the final. Powell and Blane were to have ridden an extra heat to decide who should have the third prize, but Powell declined the issue, as his racing wheel had miscarried somewhere between the city and Springfield, and would not do justice to himself on a single wheel. He forfeited in favor of Blane, but the New-England rider refused to take the prize under such conditions. They finally decided to ride for the prize, and Powell won. The race between Johnson and Peabody was a splendid struggle. Johnson caught the pace, and he led to the end, although Peabody made a fine effort in the stretch.

In the multicycle race, Spors of the South Brooklyn team, was not feeling well, and Powell took his place. This change caused the handicapper to chop off twenty yards from the team's handicap. The second heat was again going two laps, and at the end of a mile the quad led, with a half-second, and the South Brooklyn Wheelmen triplet third. In the last lap the South Brooklyn Wheelmen triplet took the lead, and going strong, won easily by two lengths. The quad finished second and the single-wheel third.

THE SUMMERS.

Mile, invitation (amateur)—First heat won by E. M. Blane, N. H. F. J. Morse, Chicago, second. Time—21.14. Second heat won by E. M. Peabody, Buffalo, Ch. third. C. M. Erts, Newark, fourth. Third heat won by E. J. Powell, New York, O. J. Miller, Buffalo, second. Time—23.53. Fourth heat won by John H. Johnson, Reith, New York, second. Time—22.48.

Invitation (amateur)—First heat won by S. Johnson, Worcester, M. Blake, Keene, N. H., second. Time—22.42. Second heat won by E. J. Powell, Chicago, I. 21.25. Second heat won by Arthur Gardner, Chicago, I. 21.25. Second heat won by E. M. Peabody, New York, second. Time—22.44.

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